

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S	)	
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT	)	
OF INFORMATION FILED IN SUPPORT OF ITS	)	CASE NO. 96-414
PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH SEVEN COUNTIES	)	
SERVICES, INC., FOR REMOTE ACCESS TO	)	
CALL FORWARDING VARIABLE	)	

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This matter arising upon petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), filed August 23, 1996, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, for confidential protection of the cost support data developed in connection with a special service arrangement contract with Seven Counties Services, Inc. to provide Remote Activation of Call Forwarding Variable associated with Prestige® Service on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause BellSouth competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

BellSouth has contracted with Seven Counties Services, Inc. to provide Remote Activation of Call Forwarding Variable associated with Prestige® Service. This feature provides the capability to activate and deactivate call forwarding variable remotely from a touch-tone line. In support of its application to approve the agreement, BellSouth has provided cost data which it seeks to protect as confidential.

The information sought to be protected is not known outside of BellSouth and is not disseminated within BellSouth except to those employees who have a legitimate business

need to know and act upon the information. BellSouth seeks to preserve and protect the confidentiality of the information through all appropriate means, including the maintenance of appropriate security at its offices.

KRS 61.872(1) requires information filed with the Commission to be available for public inspection unless specifically exempted by statute. Exemptions from this requirement are provided in KRS 61.878(1). That subsection of the statute exempts several categories of information. One category exempted in paragraph (c)1 of that subsection is commercial information confidentially disclosed to the Commission which if made public would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the party from whom the information was obtained. To qualify for the exemption, the party claiming confidentiality must demonstrate actual competition and a likelihood of substantial competitive injury if the information is disclosed. Competitive injury occurs when disclosure of the information gives competitors an unfair business advantage.

Call Forwarding Variable is a feature of Prestige® Service. BellSouth's competitors for Prestige® Service are providers of PBX equipment which can perform the same function. This information would enable competitors to determine BellSouth's cost and contribution from the service, which competitors could use to market their competitive service. Therefore, disclosure of the information is likely to cause BellSouth competitive injury and the information should be protected as confidential.

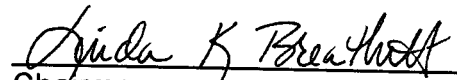
This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that the cost data filed in support of the proposed contract with Seven Counties Services, Inc. for Remote Activation of Call Forwarding Variable associated with Prestige® Service, which BellSouth has petitioned to be withheld from

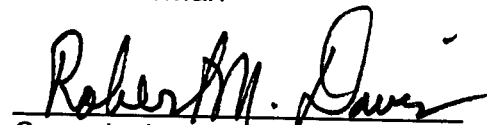
public disclosure, shall be held and retained by this Commission as confidential and shall not be open for public inspection.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of September, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director